

been constituted for fixing norms for Railway Electrification projects and one of the terms of reference is to evaluate the actual rate of return achieved in certain representative projects.

(b) Since inception, 15398 routes kilometres (24.53% of total network) out of approximately 62000 RKM have been electrified upto 31.03.2001, with total investment of Rs. 4561.53 crores.

(c) Does not arise.

Youth Development Centre in Assam

*616. **SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:** Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a new scheme for setting-up of a Youth Development Centre in Assam;

(b) if so, the number of Youth Development Centres set-up so far in the State; and

(c) the details of expenditure incurred for running them and the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI): (a) No separate scheme for setting up of Youth Development Centre has been launched especially/separately for Assam. However, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has been implementing the scheme of Youth Development Centres since 1994-95 in order to strengthen and promote youth activities in rural areas and to provide an intermediate tier between the youth clubs at the village level and the Nehru Yuva Kendras at the District level. The Scheme is being operated entirely through Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan.

(b) So far, 163 Youth Development Centres have been sanctioned in Assam of which 137 have been set up.

(c) As per provisions of the scheme, one-time assistance of Rs. 30,000/- is being provided to each YDC. A sum of Rs. 41.10 lakhs has so far been spent towards establishment of 137 YDCs in Assam. Sanction of an amount of Rs. 7.80 lakhs for 26 YDCs has

been issued during the last financial year and released to the Zonal Director's office for disbursement to the designated YDCs.

Stoppage of trains at Habibganj Station

†*617. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation to provide stoppage of Jhelum, A.P., G.T., Pushpak, Karnataka, Kerala, Mangla, Lakshadweep Chennai-Jaipur and Rajkot-Jabalpur express trains at Habibganj;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by Government so far to provide stoppage of these trains at Habibganj station and by when Government propose to provide the same; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):

(a) to (d) Some representations including those from Shri Sartaj Singh, ex. M.P., Shri P.K. Maheshwari, MP have been received in this regard.

9767/9768 Jaipur-Chennai Express (tri-weekly) is already stopping at Habibganj station. Stoppage of Jhelum, A.P., G.T., Pushpak, Karnataka, Kerala, Mangla Lakshadweep and Rajkot-Jabalpur Expresses at Habibganj has not been found feasible.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.